



October 7, 2015

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Location Code: GKMTW079

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Durango, CO 81303

RE: Groundwater Well Sampling Results

Dear (b) (6),

Due to an administrative error the test results for your well water were transmitted with the incorrect map. We apologize for this error and are resending your results with the correct map. Please use this results package instead of the previously package.

Thank you for participating in the private drinking water well sampling conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD).

This letter provides the results for the water samples collected from your private water well. The water sample(s) were submitted to, and analyzed by, a private certified laboratory for the metals that could have been present in water from the Gold King Mine release.

The test results for your well water were compared to the National Drinking Water Standards, otherwise known as the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). The results of the analysis are provided in the enclosed table. Though these standards are intended for the evaluation of public water systems and therefore, do not apply to private domestic water wells such as yours, we have included the enclosed table so that you may compare the results with the Drinking Water Standards. **None of these metals were present in the water sample(s) collected from your property above a level of concern for human health exposure.**

EPA has also established National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations that set non-mandatory water quality standards for 15 contaminants. EPA does not enforce these "secondary maximum contaminant levels" (MCLs). They are established only as guidelines to assist public water systems in managing their drinking water for aesthetic considerations, such as taste, color and odor. These contaminants are not considered to present a risk to human health at the secondary maximum contaminant level. **None of these metals were present in the water sample(s) collected from your property above MCLs.**

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recommends using the Water Quality Interpretation Tool created by Colorado State University in collaboration with the Colorado Water Institute to get more information regarding the metals examined in your well. The Water Quality Interpretation Tool is available online at <https://erams.com/wqtool/>.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in the collection process, and thank you for your patience while the sample was analyzed. If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Deborah McKean at (303) 579-4371.

Sincerely,

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8



September 13, 2015

(b) (6), (b) (9)

Durango CO 81303-7712

**Re: Groundwater Well Sampling Results**

Dear (b) (6)

This letter provides the results for the water sample(s) collected from your groundwater well on 8/15/2015 (Sample ID = GKMTW071\_081515). The water was submitted to, and analyzed by a private certified laboratory for total metals. The analysis included metals that could be present in water from the Gold King Mine release.

**None of these metals were present in your groundwater above a level of concern.** A laboratory results summary table for your water sample is attached to this letter.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment recommends using the Water Quality Interpretation Tool created by Colorado State University in collaboration with the Colorado Water Institute. This tool has more information regarding the metals examined in your well, and can be found at the following website: <https://erams.com/wqtool/>.

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September 12, 2015

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**None of these metals were present in your groundwater above a level of concern.** A laboratory results summary table for your water sample is attached to this letter.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in the collection process, and thank you for your patience while the sample was analyzed. The EPA will work with the Tribe's Water Quality Program to identify any future sampling needs. If you have any further questions, please contact Deb McKean at (303) 579-4371.

Sincerely,

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

CC:

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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